

they involve no inconsiderable labour and expense extending over forty miles of road, obliging him to keep a horse, and to be frequently and long from home. He is required to make numerous contracts, and in all his agency to act as his own clerk; to collect the revenue from the road, and to give bond for the faithful discharge of the various and responsible duties of his office. We would respectfully suggest, whether a qualified officer can be obtained for a less compensation than that section provides, who would faithfully and skillfully devote his time, for the preservation and utility of this national work, so intimately connected with the commercial interests of Maryland.

Which was read,

On motion of Mr. Merrick,

The house adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 27th, 1836.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Brewer presented a memorial of Frederick Seidenstriker, John Ives, Edwin S. Farr, William B. Wilmer, and others, of the city of Baltimore,

Also, a memorial of John W. McGilton, James Wilkes, Jr., Michael Warner, and others,

Also, a memorial of James Corner, William Dawson, William H. Conkling, and others, And,

A memorial of George H. Ford, J. Turner, Jr. Andrew Ellicott, Ignatius Pike, and others, of the city of Baltimore, severally praying that the election law may be so amended, as to prevent illegal voting in said city,

Which were severally read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of Christopher Fairbanks, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from his wife Margaret Fairbanks,

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Townsend presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Cecil county, counter to the petitions, asking a change in the election districts of said county,

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.